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Former Head Of Central Intelligence Agency Was Speaker CPYRGHT At Chamber Annual Meeting

TAMPA — Allen Dulles, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency, was guest speaker at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, on Tuesday evening March 21, at the Venetian Room of the Floridan Motor Hotel.

Announcement of the speaker came from James H. Couey, Jr., president of the Chamber.

Dulles presently is serving on the 7-man commission, presided over by Chief Justice Warren, to investigate and report on the circumstances of the tragic assassination of President Kennedy.

Allen Dulles' career began in 1916, when he was assigned to the diplomatic service in Vienna, Austria, after receiving law and B.A. degrees from institutions such as the Ecole Alsatienne in Paris; Princeton; Brown Univ.; George Washington Univ.; and Boston College.

The tour of duty in Vienna was followed by his being assigned to the Berne, Switzerland embassy in 1917.

Dulles became a member of the American Commission to negotiate peace at the Paris Peace Conference in 1918-19, and was appointed first secretary of the American Commission (Embassy) in Berlin, 1920.

After serving with the American Commission in Constantinople, Turkey from 1920-1922, he became chief of the State Department's Division of Near Eastern Affairs for the ensuing four years.

In 1925 Dulles was a delegate of the United States to the International Conference on Arms traffic in Geneva, and to the Preparatory Disarmament Conference in 1926. Serving as legal advisor to the U. S. delegation, he attended both the Three-Power Conference

in Geneva in 1927 and the General Disarmament Conference in Geneva in 1932-33.

Dulles' highly diversified career with the diplomatic corps ended in 1926, when he resigned to take up law practice in New York.

During World War II, he was associated with the Office of Strategic Services in Switzerland, and later headed the O. S. S. mission to Germany. In 1948 President Truman appointed Dulles Chairman of the 3-man group to survey the U. S. Intelligence system.

This preliminary contact with the U. S. Intelligence system subsequently resulted in Dulles joining the CIA in January of 1951, and appointment as Deputy Director of the CIA in August, 1951. On February 26, 1953 Allen Dulles was designated, by President Eisenhower, to be Director of Central Intelligence. He served in this capacity until 1961, after which he resigned and resumed practice of law, as of counsel, with the New York City law firm.

Dulles has received a variety of medals for work in security and intelligence, including the Medal of Merit, of Freedom and the National Security Medal, from the U. S. Government. Recognized by several foreign countries for his work, he has been decorated by the French, Belgian and Italian governments.

In addition to Dulles' address at the annual meeting, James H. Couey, Jr., outgoing president, gave a capsule report on last year's Chamber activities, and officially turn the gavel over to A. Clewis Howell, who will become Chamber president on April 1. Couey automatically becomes Vice President, with Harmon Wheeler of Northside Bank becoming the Chamber's Secretary-Treasurer.